

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1 through 7 and add claim 8-14.

1.-7. (Canceled).

8. (New). A platform for a machine (3) used in a rolling mill train, the platform comprising a horizontal polygonal platform foundation surface (2); at least some of control units (4), drives (5), drive consoles (5a), distribution blocks (6), valve units (7) mounted on the platform surface; and a plurality of supply, discharge, distribution conduits for connecting at least some of control units (4), drives (5), drive consoles (5a), distribution blocks (6), valve units (7), with respective fixed conduits of the machine (3) associated with respective functional components of the machine,

wherein the platform is arranged in proximity of the machine at a predetermined distance therefrom and at predetermined lateral position and height relative to the machine, and wherein the at least some of the control units (4), drives (5), drive consoles (5a), distribution blocks (6), valve units (7) are distributed over the platform foundation surface (2) in accordance with functions thereof with regard to the machine.

9. (New). A platform according to claim 8, wherein the platform comprises a frame construction (8) defining the foundation surface (2) and having

adjusting feet (9) for varying a frame construction height relative to a foundation, fastening elements (10a) for mounting the frame construction (8).

(10). (New). A platform according to claim 8, wherein the conduits (11) are formed as tubular conduits and have respective connection ends (12) thereof projecting beyond the foundation surface (2).

11. (New). A platform according to claim 8, further comprising supports (13) for supporting the drive consoles (5a), the distribution blocks (6), valve units (7).

12. (New). A platform according to claim 10, wherein the connection ends (12) are formed as at least one of flanges, welding connection elements, and coupling elements.

13. (New). A platform according to claim 8, wherein the platform foundation surface (2) includes liquid discharge grids (14) and walking-enabling cover sheets.

14. (New). A platform according to claim 8, wherein the plat form is formed as a transportable assembly.